

Senior Year Prep – Class of 2021

A Note to Families

We want you to be proud of your “soon to be” senior as we begin to talk about the transition and graduation from Yes Prep White Oak. Be sure to review all the items on this list so you and your student know what is needed for a successful Senior Year!

AP Classes and Tests

Next year seniors will be taking at least 1 AP Test, which allows them a chance to earn college credit while in high school, saving a lot of money for a student’s college education. These tests have a fee associated with them and will occur in the AP Testing Window in May 2021.

Financial Aid

Every student is REQUIRED to complete their financial aid application. To do that, make sure there is a plan to file you and your parent(s) taxes for “2020.” Students will work in Senior Seminar to understand the following:

- What is financial aid and how it works
- How to apply for financial aid and what resources exist to help pay for college

Consult a tax professional for personal advice

All Things Testing

Timeline for Student College Choice — Seniors will spend the fall semester applying to colleges and they are due to get their decisions between November and late March. The national deadline for students to select their college is May 1st, and we will work to meet those deadlines with our student’s college choice.

Test Optional Admissions — means colleges allow all or some applicants to decide whether to submit SAT or ACT® scores as part of their application. There are 3 scenarios for this option:

1. Test-optional admissions policy for some applicants (GPA min.)
2. Test-optional admissions policy for all
3. Test-optional admissions, but required for enrollment or scholarships

Please Note: Test optional does not mean EASIER admissions—be sure to check the college website for their specific requirements for test optional admissions

Additional Test optional Resources—[Click Here](#)

SAT Testing Dates

- August 29th
- September 26th
- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December 5th



Visit [College Board](#) for more information.

Scholarships

Scholarships give students the opportunity to earn a college education. Financial/scholarship support works to close the financial gap and enables greater success in college. Seniors can expect important scholarship deadlines in September and October. During senior seminar, time will be dedicated to search for and apply to scholarship opportunities each week. Upcoming scholarships will also be posted in the Senior Seminar classroom.

Here are a couple of scholarships to keep on your radar:

- [The Cameron Impact Scholarship](#) due Sept. 15
- [Horatio Alger Associate Scholarship](#) (\$10K) due Oct. 25
- [Ron Brown Scholarship](#) (\$40K) due Nov. 1— early applicants

Senior Costs

This chart outlines an *estimate* of costs incurred during your student's senior year. Use this as a tool to prepare for next year. **This is subject to change.**

Senior Program	Price Point	Free or Reduced Lunch	Full Price Lunch
SAT Registration (2 times)	\$54 per Exam	\$0	\$108
Sending SAT Scores	\$12 per School	\$0	\$122
College Application Fees	\$0-\$75 per App	\$0	\$500
AP Exam Fee	\$81 per Exam	\$25 per Exam	\$81 per Exam
Graduation Gown	\$50	\$50	\$50
Cap and Gown Photos	\$20	\$20	\$20
Prom	\$150	\$150	\$150
College Enrollment Deposit/Orientation	\$150-\$650	\$350	\$350
Senior Trip	\$100	\$100	\$100
TOTAL Cost of Senior Programs		\$695	\$1,481

Fit & Match

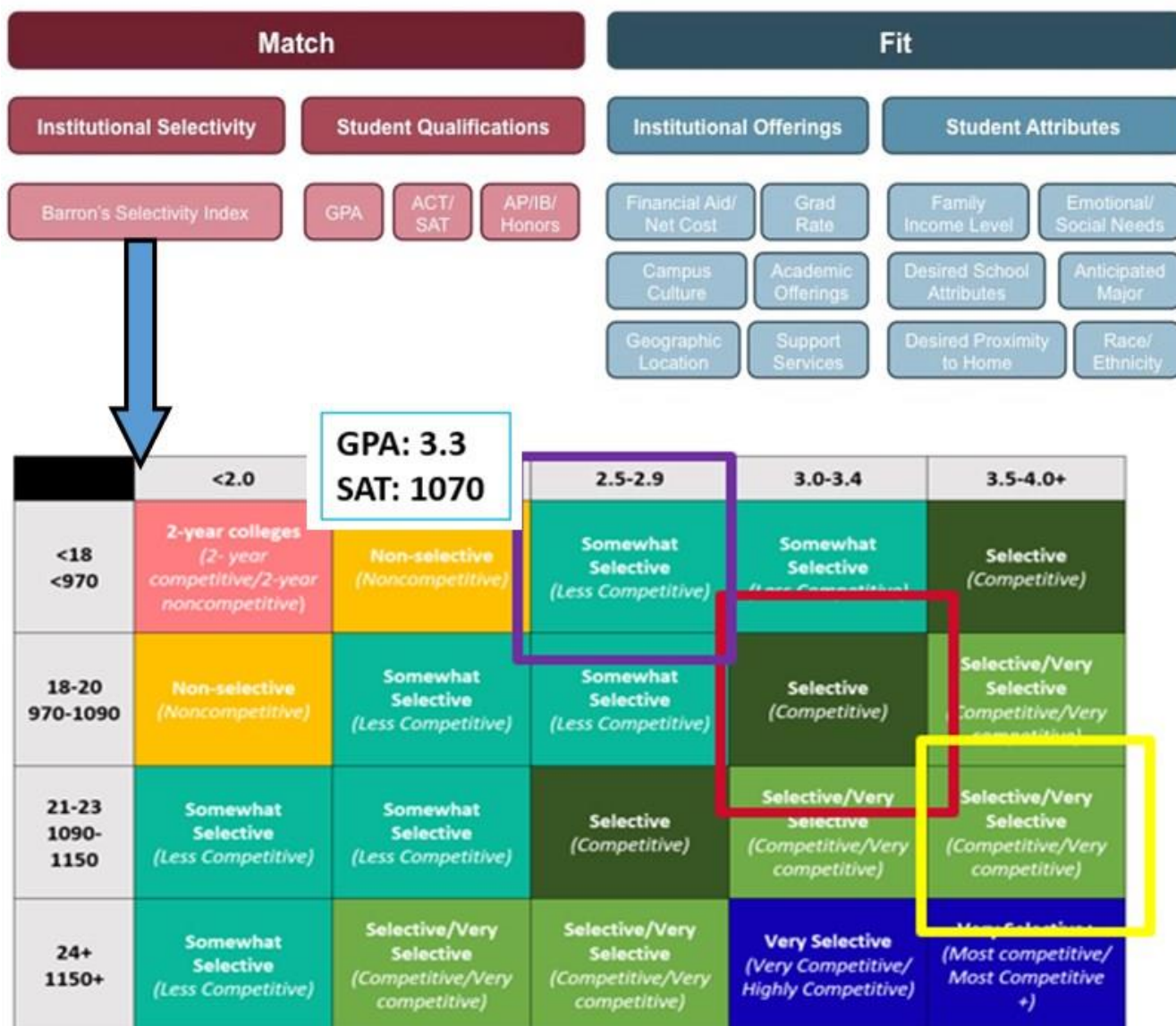
College Fit — Characteristics about a college to help show students how comfortable the setting could potentially be.

3 Main Components of Fit:

1. Academic
2. Cultural
3. Financial

College Match — Aligning your grades, test scores, and rigor of classes with what the college requires from the middle 50% of their freshmen class.

This is the foundation of students being able to choose good colleges for them to apply to in the Fall!



For additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your College Counselor! Have a great summer!

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